Minister has meeting with Trade Union Leaders on 17th August, 1991, in which the new industrial policy was discussed.

Cable News Network Programmes

4908. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cable News Network Programmes are available to Indian Households and Hotels through special antenna;

(b) whether any special permission is needed to put the special antenna;

(c) whether the Government are aware that a CNN team is collecting events in India to broadcast them all over the world;

(d) whether CNN team is doing this work with the approval of the Government; and

(e) if so, the terms and conditions under which Cable News Network is doing this work in India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The footprint of INTERSPUTNIK Satellite, which carries the CNN signal, covers India also and Indian viewers by used of an appropriate designed Dish Antenna can receive these programmes directly.

(b) In accordance with the Indian Telegraphic Act, 1885 and the Rules made thereunder, administered by the Ministry of Communications, a Dish Antenna System capable of receiving TV signals directly from a satellite can be established only after obtaining a licence from Department of Telecommunications (DOT). Such licences at present are given to receive programmes from Indian Satellite only.

(c) to (e). There is no restriction on gathering of news in this country.

Supply of Ammonia To Kerala

4909. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Fertilizers and Chemicals, Travancore has been supplying ammonia to Small Scale tea factories and rubber processing industries in Kerala for a long time;

(b) whether the supply of ammonia to these units in Kerala has suddenly been stopped;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the remedial steps proposed to be taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). The question does not arise.

Production and Marketing of Cyclo Hexanane by F.A.C.T.

4910. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Cyclo hexanane produced by Caprolactum Plant of F.A.C.T. monthly;

(b) whether any guidelines have been framed for marketing of this material to the actual users; and

(c) if so, the details thereof together with the price fixed for the dealers and the actual users separately?